
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the establishment of
2 a graduation pathway system, with its potential to strengthen
3 educational outcomes for higher education students across the
4 State, is a matter of statewide concern.

5 The purpose of this measure is to require the University of
6 Hawaii to develop the graduation pathway system, including
7 structured, default pathways to graduation, meta-majors,
8 academic maps, cornerstone classes, and highly-structured
9 options.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to subpart A of part I to be
12 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

13 "§304A- Graduation pathway system. (a) The university
14 shall develop the graduation pathway system to ensure that
15 students within the University of Hawaii system receive
16 appropriate guidance and options to complete a major course of



1 study, graduate within a reasonable period of time, and
2 understand the dynamics of the local employment market.

3 (b) In developing the graduation pathway system, the
4 university shall include the following elements:

5 (1) Structured, default pathways wherein upon choosing a
6 major course of study, students are defaulted into the
7 required classes they need to complete to graduate
8 with a baccalaureate degree in that course of study;

9 (2) Meta-majors, which shall include broad clusters of
10 majors and which shall include breadth requirements
11 appropriate to the types of majors in each category;

12 (3) Academic maps, including a sequential, prescriptive
13 schedule of classes for each meta-major and major
14 course of study;

15 (4) Cornerstone classes that are prerequisites designated
16 for each semester and which shall be taken in a
17 recommended sequence and are guaranteed to be
18 available in the sequence and terms designed in the
19 academic maps;

20 (5) An intrusive advising model that includes the use of
21 high school performance and other measures to



1 recommend broad academic pathways and present default
2 pathways;

3 (6) A highly-structured option including block schedules
4 of classes and cohorts of students and where students
5 choose programs or major courses of study with
6 mandated class schedules, rather than individual
7 classes; and

8 (7) Data on the dynamics of the local employment market,
9 including employment availability.

10 (c) The university shall be responsible for the
11 establishment of policies and procedures designed to implement
12 and support the graduation pathway system."

13 SECTION 3. The graduation pathway system shall be
14 implemented on all campuses of the University of Hawaii system
15 no later than the fall semester of 2016. The University of
16 Hawaii shall submit a report to the legislature, including
17 updates on progress toward the development and implementation of
18 the graduation pathway system, no later than twenty days prior
19 to the convening of the regular session of 2016.

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
3 2016-2017 for the development and implementation of the
4 graduation pathway system.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
6 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
10 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
11 2016-2017 for the establishment of full-time equivalent
12 (FTE) permanent positions in the University of Hawaii
13 systems office to develop, implement, and oversee the graduation
14 pathway system.

15 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
16 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2525.



Report Title:

Graduation Pathway System; University of Hawaii; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the University of Hawaii to develop the Graduation Pathway System, including structured, default pathways to graduation, meta-majors, academic maps, cornerstone classes, and highly-structured options. Appropriates funds. (HB547 HD2)

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